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1. Newly submitted claims 72-126 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claims 72-85 and 98-111 all newly recite a surfactant layer; claims 86-97 all newly recite a SiO₂ layer; claims 112-126 all newly recite a corona treatment. These three things, the surfactant layer, the SiO₂ layer and the corona treatment, were not present in the original claims.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 72-126 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on 02/21/2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because, as stated above, the newly recited structures and/or method steps are not present in the original claims.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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